What is Claimed is:

[c1] A method of transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:

storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable device;

providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulative device;

physically manipulating the physically manipulatable device to communicate at least some of the stored information about the user to the responsive device.

[c2] The method of claim 1, further comprising transferring information contained in the responsive device back to the physically manipulatable device.

[c3] A method of communicating with a responsive device using a reified device having a manipulatable user interface, comprising:

placing the reified device in communication relationship with responsive device; and

physically manipulating the reified device to communicate information to or from the responsive device.

[c4] The method of claim 3, further comprising placing a physical object on the reified device to physically manipulate the reified device.

[c5] The method of claim 3, wherein the method of communicating comprises logging onto the computer.

[c6] A reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of a user of the responsive device; the physical representation comprising:

a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device; and;

one or more physically manipulatable element, the one or more physically manipulatable elements capable of activating the user manipulatalbe interface to communicate with the responsive device.

[c7] The reified device of claim 6, wherein the reified device is in the form of an

animal.

[c8]   The reified device of claim 7 wherein the reified device is in the form of a rational animal.

[c9]   The reified device of claim 6, further comprising:

an element which may be used to manipulate the reified device.

[c10]   The reified device of claim 9, wherein the element used to manipulate the reified device is an object that can be placed into at least one predefined relationship to reified device.

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